Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Dennis C. McFarland has ably and capably served the state of South Dakota and its higher education system for the last six years as a member of the Board of Regents and as its president for the last two years; and,

WHEREAS, Denny's concern for the quality of the state's higher education system led to implementation of the value-added testing program, reform of the general education requirements, attempted implementation of the foreign language requirement and designation of the Council of Presidents as the Black Hole of Calcutta; and,

WHEREAS, Denny's presence as an effective, yet uncompensated, full-time lobbyist for higher education during legislative sessions went relatively unnoticed and unappreciated by the higher education community; and,

WHEREAS, Denny has been a crusader against waste, fraud and abuse within the higher education system through marathon budget sessions at Howard Johnson's, exposure of the infamous mousetender at SDSU, as well as his part in the Board's impeccably correct hiring decisions; and,

WHEREAS, Denny's presence at Board meetings was always highlighted by his cosmopolitan wardrobe which included, but was not limited to, slacks with embroidered shamrocks, parrots and coyotes and fish ties; and,

WHEREAS, Denny's extra curricular activities as a Board member included the remodeling of the Red Lantern Lounge one St. Patrick's Day, supervising the Bat Beer Contest in Brookings, serving as the designated driver to and from Joe McFadden's investiture ceremony, and engaging in delightful conversation with a gubernatorial candidate at the Longbranch in Pierre; and,

WHEREAS, In appreciation of Denny's untiring and conscientious service to the higher education system, as well as the state of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby declare that Dennis C. McFarland shall hold the title of

REGENT EMERITUS

in perpetuity with all of the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE